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COMMITTEE

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1. GENERAL DISCUSSION IN THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ON
THE SYRIAN-LIBYAN RESOLUTION ON ISRAEL ENDED JUNE 21.
DELEGATES HAVE UNTIL 10:00 A.M. JUNE 22 TO SUBMIT
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, HOWEVER, THERE DOES NOT APPEAR TO
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BE ANY MOVEMENT TO ATTEMPT TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION.
THERE HAS BEEN SOME DISCUSSIDN AMONG IMEC COUNTRIES AND
EMPLOYER AND WORKER DELEGATES TO ATTEMPT TO BEGIN
DISCUSSION OF ADDITIONAL RESOLUTIONS IN ORDER TO DELAY
FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF THE ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION
UNTIL NEXT WEEK. SOME IMEC,WORKER AND EMPLOYER DELEGATES
HAVE LAUNCHED AN EFFORT TO DEFEAT THE RESOLUTION IN

COMMITTEE THROUGH ABSTENTIONS AND IF UNSUCCESSFUL, TO TRY IT AGAIN IN THE PLENARY.

2. AT THE URGING OF DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD, CONFERENCE PRESIDENT OJEDA (MEXICO) MET WITH RESOLUTION AUTHORS IN ATTEMPT TO PERSUADE THEM TO WITHDRAW THE RESOLUTION IN EXCHANGE FOR A STATEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE TO INVESTIGATE CONDITIONS IN ISRAEL. THIS EFFORT FAILED. OJEDA ALSO, ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE, ATTEMPTED TO BARGAIN FOR WITHDRAWAL OF THE RESOLUTION IN EXCHANGE FOR APPLICATION OF ARTICLE 26, PARA 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE ALLOWED THE GOVERNING BODY TO APPOINT A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY ON ITS OWN INITIATIVE TO LOOK INTO THE ISRAELI ISSUE. MANY DELEGATES AND ILO STAFF WERE RELIEVED THAT THIS INITIATIVE FAILED.

3. ISRAELI DELEGATES TOLD MISSION THEY WERE PLEASED WITH THE TONE OF THE DEBATE ON THIS RESOLUTION. THEY CHARACTERIZED IT AS LESS HOSTILE THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS AND NOTED PARTICULARLY THAT WORKER DELEGATES FROM ICFTU SPOKE OUT VERY STRONGLY IN FAVOR OF DUE PROCESS AND A RETURN OF THE ILO TO ITS PRINCIPAL TASK OF PROTECTING WORKERS. SORENSON UNQUOTE VANCE

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